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FBI here steps up probe of wiretaps

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A stepped-up investigation into illegal use of electronic eavesdropping devices and telephone bugs has been announced by Richard G. Held, special agent in charge of the Chicago FBI office.

Held said that Monday's indictments against Franklin Park private detective Ernest Rizzo "signaled the beginning of a concerted effort" by the FBI and the U.S. attorney's office "to halt the illegal use of such devices."

Rizzo, 34, was a Franklin Park policeman from 1965 to 1968. He was charged with intercepting telephone communications on 10 occasions in Chicago and several northern and northwestern suburbs in connection with divorce suits.

U.S. ATTY. Samuel K. Skinner, in announcing Rizzo's indictment, Monday said that Illinois Bell Telephone Co. has turned over records subpoenaed

by his office to be used in a federal grand jury investigation of illegal wiretapping.

Skinner made it clear that neither Illinois Bell nor any of its officials are subjects of the grand jury probe.

He said the company agreed to turn over all wiretap devices in its possession as well as records of interceptions dating back to 1968, when the federal wiretap law was passed.

Held said the FBI investigation got under way in mid-1974, and concentrated on reports that wiretaps are widely used to gather evidence in divorce proceedings.

Malaysia bars nudes

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysian newspapers have agreed to guidelines barring pictures of women nude or in see-through clothing or bikinis.